

Answer of Mid Term for Mathematic 2B

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(1) For Legendre polynomial  $P_m$  Prove that  $\int_{-1}^1 xP_m(x)P_{m-1}(x)dx = \frac{2m}{4m^2 - 1}$

(2) Use generating function for Legendre polynomial to show that

$$P_{2m}(0) = (-1)^m \frac{(2m)!}{2^{2m} (m!)^2} \text{ and } P_{2m+1}(0) = 0$$

(3) For the Bessel Function  $J_m(x)$  show that  $J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$ .

(4) Use the relation  $J_{n-1}(x) + J_{n+1}(x) = \frac{2n}{x} J_n(x)$  to find  $J_{3/2}(x)$  and  $J_{-3/2}(x)$ .

**Answer (1)**

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 xP_m(x)P_{m-1}(x)dx &= \int_{-1}^1 \left[ \frac{m+1}{2m+1} P_{m+1}(x) + \frac{m}{2m+1} P_{m-1}(x) \right] P_{m-1}(x)dx \\ &= \frac{m+1}{2m+1} \int_{-1}^1 P_{m+1}(x)P_{m-1}(x)dx + \frac{m}{2m+1} \int_{-1}^1 P_{m-1}(x)P_{m-1}(x)dx \\ &= 0 + \frac{m}{2m+1} \int_{-1}^1 P_{m-1}(x)P_{m-1}(x)dx = \frac{2m}{(2m+1)(2m-1)} = \frac{2m}{4m^2 - 1} \end{aligned}$$

**Answer (2)**

Expanding the left-hand side by the binomial theorem gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t^2}} &= [1+t^2]^{-1/2} \\ &= 1 + (-\frac{1}{2})t^2 + \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{2!}(t^2)^2 + \dots + \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})\dots(-\frac{2m-1}{2})}{m!}(t^2)^m + \dots \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{1.3.5\dots(2m-1)}{2^m m!} t^{2m} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{1.2.3.4.5...(2m-1)2m}{2^m (m!) . 2.4.6...2m} t^{2m}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{1.2.3.4.5...(2m-1)2m}{2^m (m!) 2^m . (1.2.3...m)} t^{2m}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{(2m)!}{2^{2m} (m!)^2} t^{2m}$$

$$\text{Then } = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{(2m)!}{2^{2m} (m!)^2} t^{2m} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} t^m P_m(0)$$

Equating coefficients of corresponding powers of  $t$  on both sides

$$\text{gives } P_{2m}(0) = (-1)^m \frac{(2m)!}{2^{2m} (m!)^2} \text{ and } P_{2m+1}(0) = 0$$

**Answer (3)**

$$\begin{aligned} J_{1/2}(x) &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^r \frac{1}{r! \Gamma(r + \frac{3}{2})} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2} + 2r} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{x}} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r+1}}{2^{2r+1} (r!) \Gamma(r + \frac{3}{2})} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{x}} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r+1}}{2^{2r+1} (r!) (r + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(r + \frac{1}{2})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } \Gamma(r + \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{(2r)! \sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2r} r!} \text{ Substitute in } J_{1/2}(x) \text{ (8)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sqrt{\frac{2}{x}} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r+1} \cdot 2^r r!}{2^{2r+1} (r!) (r + \frac{1}{2}) (2r)! \sqrt{\pi}} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{2}{x\pi}} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r+1}}{(2r+1)(2r)!} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^r \frac{x^{2r+1}}{(2r+1)!} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned}$$


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**Answer (4)**

Since  $J_{n-1}(x) + J_{n+1}(x) = \frac{2n}{x} J_n(x)$

At  $n = \frac{1}{2}$  we have  $J_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) + J_{\frac{3}{2}}(x) = \frac{1}{x} J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x)$

Then  $J_{\frac{3}{2}}(x) = \frac{1}{x} J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) - J_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \frac{1}{x} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left[ \frac{\sin x}{x} - \cos x \right]$

At  $n = \frac{-1}{2}$  we have  $J_{-\frac{3}{2}}(x) + J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \frac{1}{x} J_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x)$

Then

$$J_{-\frac{3}{2}}(x) = \frac{1}{x} J_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) - J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \frac{1}{x} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \left[ \frac{\cos x}{x} - \sin x \right]$$


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